Permission for study during service period

2509. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is mandatory for Government servants to take permission of the competent authority before taking admission in various regular courses/programmes during the service period;

(b) if so, the details of orders in this regard; and

(c) whether it is not mandatory to take permission' in case of Government servant taking admission in various correspondence/distance education courses in which no regular classes is involved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) to (c) As per the existing instructions, ordinarily there can be no objection to the pursuit of knowledge by Government servants in their leisure hours. But this must be subject to the condition that such pursuit does in no way detract from their efficiency. Wherever found necessary, the administrative authorities may require that Government servants under their control should take prior permission before joining educational institutions or courses Of studies for University Degrees.

Corruption cases

t2510. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 3797 given in the Rajya Sabha on 28th April, 2005 and State:

(a) the number of cases of exposing corruption have been received by Central Bureau of Investigation during the year 2005;

(b) the number of them have been investigated and whether any protection has been provided to the exposes of these cases;

(c) the details thereof, department-wise; and

(d) the details of the action taken till date to pass and implement the Public Interest Disclosures (Protection of Informer Bill, 2002)?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) and (b) As per the information provided by the CBI, nine (9) references f Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.